
HOUSE BILL 2539

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1 AN ACT Relating to public hospital district health and wellness
2 promotion activities and superintendent appointment and removal; and
3 amending RCW 70.44.007 and 70.44.070.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.007 and 1997 c 332 s 15 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 As used in this chapter, the following words have the meanings
8 indicated:

9 (1) "Other health care facilities" means nursing home, extended
10 care, long-term care, outpatient, and rehabilitative facilities~~(())~~;
11 ambulances~~(())~~; facilities that promote health, wellness, and
12 prevention of illness and injury; and such other facilities as are
13 appropriate to the health and wellness needs of the population
14 served.

15 (2) "Other health care services" means nursing home, extended
16 care, long-term care, outpatient, rehabilitative, ~~((health~~
17 ~~maintenance,))~~ and ambulance services; services that promote health,
18 wellness, and prevention of illness and injury; and such other
19 services as are appropriate to the health needs of the population
20 served.

1 (3) "Public hospital district" or "district" means public health
2 care service district.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.44.070 and 1987 c 58 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The public hospital district commission shall appoint a
6 superintendent, who shall be appointed for an indefinite time and be
7 removable at the will of the commission. Appointments and removals
8 shall be by resolution, introduced at a regular meeting and adopted
9 at the same or a subsequent regular meeting by a majority vote. The
10 superintendent shall receive such compensation as the commission
11 shall fix by resolution.

12 (2) Where a public hospital district operates more than one
13 hospital, the commission may in its discretion appoint up to one
14 superintendent per hospital and assign among the superintendents the
15 powers and duties set forth in RCW 70.44.080 and 70.44.090 as deemed
16 appropriate by the commission.

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